

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

John Shekell was up from Ionia on Thursday morning, having sold their home at the corner of James and East Ann streets to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. King and the papers were made out that day.

Competition sale commencing Saturday at Bricker's Bazaar. Read adv. on page 5.

Lower prices than mail order house—read our adv. on page 5. Bricker's Bazaar.

Arthur J. Fitzjohn is preparing to open an undertaking establishment in the vacant Leonard store on West Main street and will have an opening announcement regarding it next week.

When you buy your text cigar, be sure and call for "Black Seal."

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Dodds and Miss Gladys Dodds spent Friday in Ionia. Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Johnston were Sunday evening callers at the Alva Dodds home.

Mrs. Maggie Welsh entertained two nieces and a nephew from near Blanchard over Sunday.

Miss Edna Nummer and sister and Miss Beatrice Noble were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Dodds are entertaining their cousin, Gladys Dodds of Saranac.

Last chance to buy a raincoat at the old prices. J. P. Presley, Phone 53.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston, of Ionia, are the guests of their brother, Ansel Johnston and family.

Mrs. Frank Wood was called home from Manton, by the illness of her little son, Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stearns, of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Purine, of Detroit, were the Sunday guests of Mr. M. Urch and wife.

Mrs. Ralph Johnson was a Monday guest of her aunt, Mrs. Emma Wright.

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Miss Mary Ritterdorf left here this morning for a ten day visit with friends at Chicago.

Mrs. Fred A. Gill, of Grand Rapids, who has been here the past week attending the Chautauqua and visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Smith, returned home today.

Mrs. Roy Haynes went to Pontiac, today to visit with relatives.

Miss Ella Green, of Moline, Ill., was a guest at the home of Jay Cooley, Tuesday night.

James B. Taydor, of Greenville, was a guest at the home of Wm. Coulter, Tuesday night.

Miss Lucile Stevens, of Moseley, was a guest of Mrs. Ann Boylan, this week.

The Misses Edna and Alice Bias went to Gull Lake, Wednesday, to visit for a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Myers went to Mt. Pleasant, this morning to visit with friends.

Raincoats for men ladies and children. J. P. Presley, 710 So. Bridge street, Phone 53.

Mrs. Media Bennett and grand-daughter, Gladys Burns, went to Butternut this morning for a ten days

Judge Barhorst, who made many friends here when he was on crutches, says Rheuma made him well. Wortley & French sell this great rheumatism remedy.

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LIVE LIKE MISER
WORK LIKE HORSEThat Is What Every American
Must Do in Order That War
Shall Be Won.

DEMOCRACY BEING TESTED

Victory Over Teuton Despotism a Matter of Money and Each Patriot Will Deny Himself All but Necessities That It May Be Achieved.

By HERBERT QUICK.

It has become a common saying that democracy is inefficient. We have often read that it takes a despotism to do things.

The Germans believed that they could win this war and conquer the world for two reasons; first, because, in spite of some things which look democratic, the German empire is a despotism; and, second, because it is the first despotism in the history of the world which has reached a very high point in general physical and mental development. They and many people in the democratic countries believed that they could win against the democracies of the world.

Democracy, they said, would be the anvil; despotism the hammer.

Democracy would be the whale; despotism would be the swordfish.

Democracy would be the target; despotism the gun.

Democracy would be the deer; despotism the wolf.

Democracy the huge, unwieldy grazing animal; despotism the flesh eater with fangs and claws.

Surprises for Despotism.

The splendid resistance of Belgium and France, the magnificent rallying of Great Britain to the trumpet call, and the intrepid decision of Italy to join in resistance to the German attack, were the greatest surprises which up to that time had ever been encountered by a despot. Before the war had been going on for six months some of the wisest of the cold and cruel minds of Germany began to wonder whether after all the democracies of the world were not too strong to be overcome.

And then came the biggest surprise of the war. The greatest democracy of the world—the United States—slowly began to realize that the whole cause of freedom for the common man, not only in Europe and in Asia, but here in America, was at stake in this war. Slowly the idea began to penetrate the American mind that the machinations of Germany constitute a greater peril to this country than did the issue fought out in the American revolution or the decisive strife of our own war between the states.

America saw at last that if Germany wins this war democracy will have failed; not only the democracy of European countries, but the democracy of the world. There would be nothing left for us through all the future but a losing fight against the most cruel and efficient despotism of all time.

And finally, in spite of our own peaceful history, in spite of our own love of peace, in spite of German lies and German propaganda, and the damnable plots of German spies, the United States acted.

The nation reached slowly for the sword, drew it, and plunged with all her mighty power into this dreadful fray.

And so, on some of the bloodiest battlefields that ever desolated the soil of any country, our splendid American soldiers are bearing the Stars and Stripes to victory.

DEMOCRACY IS PROVING ITSELF EFFICIENT.

They carry the Stars and Stripes to victory alongside the flags of Great Britain, France, Italy and a score of other nations, because they know that they are fighting the old battle of right against wrong, of democracy against despotism, and that if they lose, the whole history of the United States becomes at once as if it never had been. Democracy is Proving Efficient.

That is the thing which must strike terror to the hearts of the poisoners, violators and baby killers of Berlin.

We have met and vanquished the submarine. We are now placing in the field in Europe our second million of men, and back of that second million there is a third million, a fourth million, a fifth million and still other millions of men.

We have shown ourselves efficient in production. We have more than made good our promise to send food to our allies. We have organized our industries for war.

We have firmly resolved that having drawn the sword we will throw away the scabbard and never sheath that sword except in victory.

Victory a Matter of Money.

But this war is a progressive thing. It cannot be won through things we have done, but must be carried on to victory through things which we must do in the future. On one side we see that splendid host of young men carrying our banners in the battlefields of France and Flanders. On the other side we must remember that war, and this war more than any other war which was ever waged, is a matter of food, of shelter, of clothing, of munitions, of weapons, of roads, of engines, of cars, of ships, of hospitals, of medicines, and of everything which

gives to our boys in the field that magnificent dash and vim, and power which has struck the German soldiers with dismay.

In other words, winning this war is a matter of money.

It is a matter of money not only for the treasury of the United States, but for all our allies.

When you buy a Liberty bond or a War Savings stamp it means money for the United States treasury.

When you pay your income taxes or any of your other contributions to the government it means money for the United States treasury.

But money is only a representative of value and a medium of exchange. Do not look upon your dollar as a mere piece of currency. Do not look upon the United States treasury as a mere repository of your funds.

Our Treasury Upholding the World.

The United States treasury today is the god atlas who holds the world upon his shoulders.

It furnishes money to everyone of our allies which needs money. It breathes hope and confidence into any allied army which is losing heart. It puts in the field the great gun which answers the German gun with shot for shot. It keeps our armies going forward instead of backward. It holds the line against the German onslaught.

The treasury of the United States is the power behind our own army and all the armies of our allies.

During the coming year this nation must raise \$24,000,000,000. We have called these loans in the past Liberty loans. It is about time to begin calling them Victory loans. Whatever we call them, however, \$24,000,000,000 during the next year the United States government must have to carry out our great, magnificent and world-saving program. About \$16,000,000,000 of this must be raised by loans, and \$8,000,000,000 by taxation.

If we do not raise this money the United States treasury will have failed, and when the United States treasury fails the war is lost. If the war is lost, democracy is lost—the world is lost.

The raising of this \$24,000,000,000 is a tremendous task. It is the supreme test of the greatness of America.

Must Give Half Our Earnings.

The whole earning power of this country is about \$50,000,000,000 a year; so that out of every \$50 produced in this country during the next year the government must have \$24. The division of our wealth during the next year must be practically on a 50-50 basis with the government.

Now, anyone can see that this thing must be done.

IT MUST BE DONE!

Anyone can see that if we give 50 per cent of all we produce to the government we cannot live as we always have lived.

During the past year or so we have been scraping up the loose change and handing it to the government to finance the war. We must now go to the very heart of our ability and give until this great piece of financial work is accomplished.

He who pays taxes in whatever form they may rest upon him, must pay, and pay cheerfully, to make up that \$8,000,000,000 which we must raise by taxation.

He who has money must invest it in Liberty bonds and War Savings stamps, so as to furnish his share of that \$16,000,000,000 which the government must borrow.

He who has no money to invest must save, and invest his savings.

Must Become Even Stingy.

We must become a saving, an economical, a thrifty, a stingy nation towards everything but war.

We must go ragged and shabby. We must turn and dye and renovate our old clothes.

We must postpone repairs and betterments.

We must put off the building of the new house.

We must do those things only which are of productive value.

We must economize in motor cars, in gasoline and in all forms of fuel.

We must burn wood where possible.

If we burn coal we must sift the ashes.

We must simplify and cheapen our diet.

We must cut out luxuries and things which are unnecessary.

We must have our shoes patched and wear them as long as they will hang together.

We must buy nothing which must be shipped over the railroads, except where necessary.

We must draw our supplies from the nearest point.

We must live like misers and work like horses.

We must regard the smallest economy as of the most tremendous importance, no matter whether we are rich or poor.

We must save electricity.

We must spend our vacations at home.

We must get along without hired help except in case of absolute necessity or for the promotion of production.

We must put nothing savable in the garbage barrel.

We must recover from garbage everything savable put into it.

We must throw overboard all the dead weight of life so that the ship may not sink.

We must strip ourselves to the skin of everything which hampers our movements, so that we may win this fight.

This nation during the next year must become an athlete, abjuring every luxury, living on the plainest food, eating nothing, drinking nothing, wearing nothing except that which will make for victory.

visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Rosa Skillen went to Big Rapids today to visit a few days with relatives.

Miss Nina Dean, of Sheridan, returned home this morning after visiting a week at the home of Wilson Orser.

All interested mothers should watch for the Baby Clinic notice next week.

Mrs. E. A. Cook, after an extended visit with friends in Easton, returned home on Sunday.

ALL SORTS OF NEEDS
MET BY HOSTESS HOUSE

Her brother's name among the list of killed in the evening paper—if only she could reach her other brother at the neighboring camp before he saw it.

For two hours and a half she tried vainly to reach him by telephone. Then she thought of the Young Women's Christian Association Hostess House—why not try it?

"Tell him," she called over the wire to the operator, "that some one at home is very sick." In fifteen minutes her brother's voice came over the wire—he had run all the way from the barracks to the Hostess House upon receiving the message.

The Y. W. C. A. Hostess Houses at the training camps answer many needs besides the service to women relatives and friends of soldiers. Like all well conducted houses they are friends to everybody.

Forty-six of these houses are already open and twenty-four are building at army camps, aviation fields, naval stations and marine barracks. Nine are for friends of colored troops.

MAIMED, BUT STILL GAY

"The gay little air which crippled me returned from the front all war is the most pathetic thing that I have seen in France," writes a Young Woman's Christian Association war worker in Lyons.

"In spite of crutches and drawn faces they all look at you as you pass them on the street as though they would say, 'It's nothing to me that I have only one leg left to my name.'"

"Lyons has multitudes of wounded, exchanged prisoners, refugees and the most motley crew of munition workers that any town can produce."

"In the great munition factories there are Chinese, Algerians, Moroccans and hosts of other races whose faces and clothes are so yellowed by the acids among which they work that their nationality is only a guess."

Great numbers of the workers are French refugee women. It is among these that the Young Women's Christian Association has opened social rooms which are these women's only chance of home life. Work of this kind has been established by the Young Women's Christian Association during the past year in a number of French cities.

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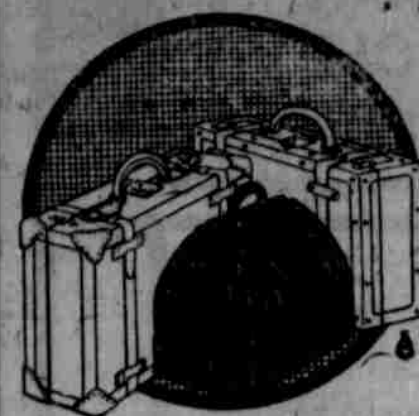
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Grocers

Miss Irene Globenski who has been a guest at the home of Mrs. Mary Robinson, the past week, returned to her home in Detroit, Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Biss leave for a short visit at Inlay City, Saturday morning. There will be no preaching at the Baptist church next Sunday morning, August 25th, but other services will be as usual.

Mr. Matthias Lehmann, who has been sick for the past two months, at his home on south Bridge street, left on Friday with his daughter, Miss Ella Lehmann, for Grand Rapids, where he entered Dr. O'Keefe's Sanitarium at Rhed's Lake.

Mrs. Albert Rich returned home on Thursday after a ten days visit with friends and relatives in Detroit.

ARE YOU
GOING AWAY?

If you are we'll be sorry to see you go, but we want you to have as pleasant a journey as possible.

One of the most important things for those who travel is good luggage. We've made a special effort to obtain just that kind—the kind that will look right—the kind that will save you worry by arriving at your destination in good shape.

Get your new bag, suit case, or trunk here with the positive assurance that you are obtaining the very best value possible.

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Don't be Mislead by Rumors.

In coming before the people of Ionia County and asking for the nomination of Sheriff on the Republican ticket August 27, I felt that under the primary system, I, as any other citizen had a perfect right to enter the primary election. I have tried in every way possible to conduct a clean campaign, endeavoring at all times to keep personalities and other so-called dirty politics out of this campaign, believing that a man who aspires to this important office should first learn to govern himself, and after it is all over, win or lose, I feel that I will have no regrets or apologies to make.

However, it has been called to my attention that certain political interests who have heretofore in times past been the controlling force in the elections, have stooped so low as to go up the county attacking my personal character and the reputation and standing of my family. For my wife and children I offer no apology to my living being; for myself I may have made mistakes, and I am not the only one, there are others. I may have been misjudged, but I have always done the best I could under the conditions as I found them. No one has ever given me any property. I have always had to work my way through, and many times have been called upon to carry burdens for others circumstances over which I have no control. I have given freely of my time and money to my country's need, and I stand ready to do more. For this I am entitled to no credit. That is my duty as an American citizen. I have always stood for the very best things in the community life in the City of Ionia, and the county of Ionia.

No one ever promised me the office of sheriff, and when I got ready to enter the primary election I did not go to any particular ring and ask their permission. And no one forced me to run; but if elected, I have made but one promise, and that is to the people of Ionia County, that I will render to them the very best service that it is possible for me to give. But win or lose I still stand as a citizen of Ionia County, and openly challenge them to prove the idle gossip that is floating up and down Main Street by parties whose only ambition is to still keep alive the political organization which has been the controlling force in the sheriff's office since time began.

If you believe in me and clean politics, I will appreciate your support Aug. 27, for the nomination of sheriff on the Republican ticket. Yours for a clean administration.

Elbridge E. Sly.

P. S. If you are satisfied with the present conditions in the sheriff's office, don't vote for me. I stand for a new deal. Do you?

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